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SUBJ: JUNE 14-15 MEETING OF ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
(EPC): ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF EPD WORKING PARTY II ON
ECONOMIC GROWTH: DUTCH CANDIDATE EMERGES

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1. DUTCH DELEGATION TO OECD AHS INFORMED MISSION THAT
NETHERLANDS ARE NOW ALSO MAKING AVAILABLE A CANDIDATE
FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF EPC'S WORKING PARTY 2. PERSON IN
QUESTION IS C.A. VAN DEN BELD, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL PLANNING
BUREAU. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VAN DEN BELD'S CANDIDACY IS
BEING PUT FORWARD ON SAME BASIS AS BRITISH AND NORWEGIAN
CANDIDATES; THAT IS, HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF OTHER
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COUNTRIES WANT HIM, BUT DOES NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO A
"RACE". DUTCH DELEGATION ALSO OFFERED ITS OPINION THAT
THEY FELT WP2 CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE A EUROPEAN, SINCE PROS-
PECTS WERE THAT WITHIN EPC AND ITS WORKING GROUP, PRE-
DOMINANT ROLE IN CHAIRMANSHIPS WILL BE HELD BY "OVERSEAS
COUNTRIES", I.E. U.S. IN CASE OF EPC (SCHULTZE), JAPAN
FOR WP3(MATSUKAWA) AND CANADA FOR WP4 (SLATER).

2. COMMENT: EMERGENCY OF DUTCH CANDIDATE TENDS TO REIN-
FORCE MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN REFTEL THAT BEST
STANCE FOR U.S. IS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL ON WP2 CHAIRMANSHIP.
DUTCH CANDIDATE ALSO MAKES IT MORE LIKELY THAT EPC NEXT
WEEK WILL POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF ELECTING CHAIRMAN FOR
WP2.

3. FOR THE HAGUE: REFTEL IS BEING REPEATED TO THE HAGUE
AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY THE HAGUE'S EVALUATION
OF VAN DEN BELD'S SUITABILITY FOR CHAIRING WP2.
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